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From:

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Sent:

Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:10 AM

To:

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Subject:

Underground Injection Control (UIC) Draft Area Permits

Dear Ms. Shea,

Please accept this communication as a formal comment regarding the proposed two Underground Injection Control (UIC) Draft Area Permits and one associated proposed aquifer exemption decision for the Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) site located near Edgemont, South Dakota, under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act and UIC program regulations.

I urge the EPA to deny both of these permits. Among other hazards, radon emissions, toxic heavy metals and other pollutants, including chloride, sulfate, sodium, radium, arsenic and iron, are in ISR wastewater ponds. Accidents and leaks in this kind of operation are inevitable, raising concerns about runoff into the Cheyenne River and Angostura Reservoir. As you are aware, the most serious radiation release in the US came from a tailings pond spill at a uranium mine in New Mexico.

We can live without uranium but not without clean water and soil.

Best regards,

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